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MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

Priesmeyer Shoe Factory Photograph Collection

Abstract: Photographs of the A. Priesmeyer Shoe Factory in Jefferson City, exterior, interior, employees, child labor.

Extent: 13 Images

Physical Description: Photographs; Negatives

Location: Missouri State Archives; Stacks

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

The A. Priesmeyer Shoe Company opened in 1874 in Jefferson City with John Tweedie as manager. By the 1910s, the company employed 420 operators and had the capacity to produce 2,000 pairs of shoes daily. It was one of several shoe factories in Jefferson City and up until 1915 used prisoners of the Missouri State Penitentiary as labor. The prison side of the factory closed and a new building on 108 Jefferson Street was opened. This collection includes photographs of this Jefferson Street site taken in 1918. A few years after these photos were taken, the company was re-named Tweedie Footwear Corporation with Charles Tweedie as owner.

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

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MS297 Mark Schreiber Photograph Collection
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MS360 Dr. Arnold G. Parks Jefferson City Postcard Collection
MS369 Bob Priddy Collection
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MS399 Bill Fannin Jefferson City Photograph Collection
MS400 Gary Kremer Jefferson City Photograph Collection
MS402 Jefferson City Circus Photograph Collection
MS421 Henry Gensky Photograph Collection
MS426 Jefferson City News Tribune Photograph
MS433 Dr. Joseph Summers Collection
MS463 Jefferson City Photographs by Kendal Mertens
MS467 Ott Construction Company Photograph Collection
MS479 Joe Kleene Photograph Collection
MS481 Martha Rutledge Jefferson City Photograph Collection
MS483 Mary Wilhite Jefferson City Photograph Collection
RG110 Department of Natural Resources National Register of Historic Places
RG213 Missouri State Penitentiary

Additional External Resources

“Former Tweedie Footwear Corporation Storefront Building Is City Landmark: 90 Years of Shoes in Jefferson City.” Jefferson City News Tribune. October 18, 2015. Retrieved online: <http://www.newstribune.com/news/news/story/2015/oct/18/former-tweedie-footwear-corporation-storefront-bui/460418/>.

The State Historical Society of Missouri in Columbia maintains the following collections:
[#C3000 Thomas C. Hennings, Jr. Papers, 1901-1960](#)
[#S0741 Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers union, 1933-1984](#)

PHOTOGRAPHS, 1918

Arrangement: Original order maintained

Scope and Content

This collection consists of 5"x7" copy prints and 4"x5" copy negatives made from the originals, which were returned to the donor. Images are of the exterior (1) and interior (12) of the A. Priesmeyer Shoe Company Factory on Jefferson Street. Quite a few of the images show children working in the various departments. These images were taken about three years after prisoners were no longer allowed to work in the factory.

All images have been digitized and are available as 800dpi TIFs on Manuscript DVD #5 in the Reference Room.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	165	77	Exterior view of A. Priesmeyer Shoe Co. Ad on building proclaims, "Shoes That Wear."	06/04/1918
	165	78	Interior view of the Finishing Department inside the Shoe Factory. Young men and boys work at the machines.	06/04/1918
	165	79	Interior view of the Finishing Department inside the Shoe Factory. Young men and boys work at the machines.	06/04/1918
	165	80	Interior view of the Finishing Department inside the Shoe Factory. Young women and men work at the machines.	06/04/1918
	165	81	Interior view of the Hand Cutting Department inside the Shoe Factory. Young men, young women, and even a few children are pictured at the tables.	06/04/1918
	165	82	Interior view of the Hand Cutting Department inside the Shoe Factory. Men, one women, and a few children are pictured at the tables.	06/04/1918
	165	83	Interior view of the Hand Trim Department inside the Shoe Factory. Men at work.	06/04/1918
	165	84	Interior view of the Lasting Department inside the Shoe Factory. Men at work.	06/04/1918
	165	85	Women and men inside the main office of the Shoe Factory.	06/04/1918
	165	86	Interior view of the Packing Department inside the Shoe Factory. Women, two men, and a boy are at work.	06/04/1918
	165	87	Interior view of the Sole Leather Department inside the Shoe Factory. Men and boys are at work.	06/04/1918
	165	88	Interior view of the Stitching Department inside the Shoe Factory. Women and children are at work.	06/04/1918
	165	89	Interior view of the Stitching Department inside the Shoe Factory. Women, a few men, and children are at work.	06/04/1918